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Re: eComment System

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To Whom It May Concern;

This email is concerned with the CAFO Permit Fees that you want to increase. Animal operators do all that they can to produce a safe and natural product but every time we turn around our costs are rising, rising and rising but our income is going down, down and even further down. How are we to pay these increases and why do you feel that you have to raise them. Is it really helping to increase awareness or to make a better world. Dairy, Beef, Hog and more prices are at their lowest point in years. Are you helping us by raising the prices we receive for our product? I don't see anyone doing that. We are always told to tighten our belt, make more cuts, etc. A farmer should be able to pay their bills and provide for their family but the majority of farmers hold second jobs, or spouses work off the farms in order to buy groceries and pay for their health insurance and here you folks sit in your offices and come up with more ways to make our costs go up for a paper that tells you that we are abiding by the rules and items in order to raise livestock on our farms. Help us get rid of the red tape so that we can do our job better, safer and with caring that we have always felt towards our animals. There is no way that we would ever be able to pay for the increase of these fees. Look at the situations of most farmers and tell me how these increased fees will help us become better farmers? They won't!

Again, I say, Help, these fees are not needed and have no redeeming qualities except hardship on the people you are placing them on. Please do not raise these fees.

Thank you,

Cynthia Kunz, a retired dairy farmer from PA who lives on SS along with my husband. Our son has not taken money for personal living expense from the farm for at least five years because his wife works off the farm to feed their family of five. Their health care is provided by the state as my husband and I receive extra care from the state to pay for our Medicare fee. It is so sad that we are not able to live without this help after working all our lives at our chosen profession because of the role that government plays in our income to keep American FOOD CHEAP!

THANK YOU

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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